

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 6-16-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 01470 rendered on 12-4-02 in the amount of \$375.00.

II. FINDINGS

The respondent denied reimbursement based upon "V" - Unnecessary Medical Treatment or Service."

The insurance carrier's representative, ____, gave preauthorization approval on 9-20-02 for 3 blocks R lower extremity steroid bier blocks. Therefore, the insurance carrier violated Rule 133.301(a) by retrospectively denying preauthorized treatment based upon medically unnecessary. The steroid bier block will be reviewed in accordance with the Commission's *Medical Fee Guideline*.

III. RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
12-4-02	01470 (26 min)	\$450.00	\$0.00	V	\$40.00 per unit	Anesthesia GR (I)(A- C) and (VI)	CPT code has RVU of 3. Time = 2 units Total units was 5. Reimbursement of 5 X \$40.00 = \$200.00
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$200.00 .

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 01470 in the amount of **\$ 200.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$200.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 08th day of April 2004.

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Medical Review Division